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Understanding the molecular origin of solid-state emitting PMI realized via the detection of hazardous organic peroxides

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Experimental Section

The fluorogenic probe PMISS was synthesized according to our reported protocol.¹ The solvents toluene, tetrahydrofuran and 1,4-dioxane for the detection were purchased from commercial source like Sisco Research Laboratories (SRL), Thomas Baker and used as received without any further purification unless otherwise mentioned. All the peroxides have been purchased from Spectrochem and Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI). For spectroscopic measurements with above mentioned peroxides, toluene was taken as solvent because of good solubility of PMISS and peroxides, as well as inert nature of toluene. To purify the compounds, silica gel (particle size 100-200 mesh) from Merck was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer. The chemical shifts of compounds peak were determined with respect to the residual solvent signal ($\delta = 7.26$). Atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) mass spectrometry data were obtained using Bruker MicroTOF-Q-II mass spectrometer and chloroform was used as solvent.

Instrumentation

Steady-state absorption and fluorescence measurements.

Steady-state UV-Vis. Spectra were recorded using Perkin Elmer and Carry 5000 spectrophotometer from Agilent Technologies using quartz cuvette of 1 cm path length. The temperature-dependent absorption studies were performed using Analytik Jena Specord 200 plus UV spectrophotometer. The concentration of PMISS and OPs were maintained as mentioned in manuscript for effective transformation. For solid-state absorption study, sample was mixed with $BaSO_4$ and grinded effectively to make powder sample. The powder sample was poured in sample holder and measured the absorption of the solid sample in Carry 5000 spectrophotometer using diffusion reflectance method. The steady-state fluorescence measurement and kinetics were carried out by HORIBA Jobin Yvon Fluorolog and HORIBA Fluoromax using 1 cm path length quartz cuvette. For the fluorescence measurements, the excitation and emission slits were varied according to condition of measurements. Solid state emission spectra of $BaSO_4$ mixed sample was measured by keeping the holder at specific angle in Jobin Yvon Fluorolog.

Time-resolved fluorescence measurement.

Fluorescence lifetime or time-resolved fluorescence measurement was carried out using timecorrelated single photon counting (TCSPC) setup from a Hamamatsu MCP photomultiplier (R- 3809U-50). The 509 nm pico-second laser was used as excitation source for the lifetime measurements and photon-count was set up to 10,000. The instrument response function (IRF) was measured using a dilute suspension of Ludox (Sigma Aldrich) before starting the measurement. The emission polarizer was fixed at magic angle (54.7 °) with respect to excitation polarizer. The bi-exponential decay was determined by using deconvolution method in supplied software DAS v6.2. The fitting parameter (chi-square value (χ^2)) is considered in the range from 0.9-1.2. Lifetime measurement by TCSPC was performed at room temperature (298 K).

Fluorescence Quantum Yield (QY) determination.

(i) QY in solution: Fluorescence quantum yield for both species were determined from the emission spectra in CHCl₃ by considering 2,6-diisopropyl perylene monoamide as reference.²
(ii) QY in solid-state: Absolute QY of PMISSO₂ powder was measured using BaSO₄-coated integrated sphere from HORIBA Jobin Yvon attached to Fluorolog. Powder sample was prepared by proper mixing of PMISSO₂ with BaSO₄. Powder sample was excited at 517 nm and emission range was fixed in 527-800 nm region.

Infrared Spectroscopy.

IR spectra was recorded for the compounds by preparing thin-films on KBr pellet.

Calculation of CIE chromaticity Index.³

The CIE chromaticity Index of the solid state emissive PMISSO₂ was calculated by using the following equations:

$$X = \Sigma_{K=1} \Phi_{K}(\lambda) B_{K}(\lambda)$$
$$Y = \Sigma_{K=1} \Phi_{K}(\lambda) G_{K}(\lambda)$$
$$Z = \Sigma_{K=1} \Phi_{K}(\lambda) R_{K}(\lambda)$$

Where the Tristimulus values X, Y, Z represent a specific color in color coordinates. $B_{\rm K}(\lambda)$, $G_{\rm K}(\lambda)$, $R_{\rm K}(\lambda)$ are defined as color matching functions of a standard colorimetric observer. $\Phi_{\rm K}(\lambda)$, spectral distribution of color stimulus obtained from the emission spectra of species. The CIE co-ordinates (x, y, z) was calculated by considering the equations: x = X/(X+Y+Z), y = Y/(X+Y+Z) and z = Z/(X+Y+Z).

Fluorescence microscopy image.

Fluorescence microscope image of red emitting crystal of PMISSO₂ was captured in OLYMPUS IX-83-inverted fluorescence microscope and the image was processed by OLYMPUS cellsens dimension 1.1 software.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC).

The DSC traces of both PMISSO and PMISSO₂ were recorded in a PerkinElmer DSC 6000 instrument where approximately 1.0 mg of each compound were successively placed in hermetically sealed aluminium pan in vacuum and subsequently scanned at a rate of 3° C/min under a dry nitrogen purge (20 mL/min).



Fig. S1 Photostability and thermal stability of PMISS: Kinetic monitoring of fluorescence intensity of PMISS in toluene at higher temperature (338 K) under continuous irradiation of light using 450 W xenon lamp in fluorolog setup with 3/3 nm excitation/emission slit width.



Fig. S2 (a)Time-dependent absorption spectra of PMISS with BPO in toluene at RT (298 K), spectra were taken between 30 mins interval (b) representation of ratiometric change of O.D. with time at two wavelengths for PMISS-BPO in toluene at 298 K.

Limit of Detection (LOD) plots:



Fig. S3 Time-dependent absorption spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) with (a) BPO (10 μ M), (b) BPO (20 μ M), (c) BPO (30 μ M), (d) BPO (40 μ M), (e) BPO (50 μ M), (f) BPO (75 μ M) in toluene at 328 K, inset shows the changes of O.D. with time for different concentration of BPO.



Fig. S4 Kinetic monitoring of fluorescence of PMISS (10 μ M) with BPO having different concentration at 338 K.



Fig. S5 Plot of O.D. vs. concentration of BPO at (a) 298 K measured after 12 h, and (b) 328 K measured after 1 h for the determination of LOD. The LOD value is 0.28 μ M at 298 K and 0.50 μ M at 328 K.



Fig. S6 (a) Time-dependent absorption spectra of PMISS in peroxide rich (without distillation, directly taken from a year old bottle) THF at 328 K (b) representation of ratiometric change of O.D. with time at two wavelengths for PMISS in THF at 328 K



Fig. S7 (a) Time-dependent fluorescence spectra of PMISS in peroxide rich (without distillation, taken from a year old bottle) THF at 298 K (excitation wavelength 480 nm and slit width 1.5/1.5 nm) (b) Plot of fluorescence intensity at 570 nm with time at 298 K



Fig. S8 (a) Time-dependent UV-Vis. spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-Dioxane (without distillation, taken from an old bottle) at 298 K (b) Ratiometric plot of the time-dependent UV-Vis. spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-Dioxane at 298 K



Fig. S9 (a) Time-dependent UV-Vis. spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-dioxane (without distillation, taken from bottle) at 338 K (b) Ratiometric plot of the time-dependent UV-Vis. spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-Dioxane at 338 K



Fig. S10 (a) Time-dependent emission spectra of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-dioxane (without distillation, taken from bottle) at 338 K (b) Intensity at 578 nm vs. time plot of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-dioxane at 338 K.



Fig. S11 Fluorescence kinetics of PMISS (10 μ M) in 1,4-dioxane (without distillation, taken from an old bottle) at different temperature



Fig. S12 (a) Fluorescence kinetics of PMISS (10 μ M) in dry and distilled THF and dry and distilled 1,4-dioxane



Fig. S13 ¹H NMR spectrum of PMISSO derivative in CDCl₃ at 500 MHz

¹**H NMR of PMISSO (500 MHz, Chloroform-***d***):** δ 9.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 9.53 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.32 – 8.27 (m, 3H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.2, 3.1 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.5 Hz, 4H), 4.06 (m, *J* = 12.9, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.90 (dt, *J* = 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 4H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 11H), 1.42 – 1.22 (m, 12H), 0.90 (m, *J* = 18.7, 7.1 Hz, 7H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 16H).



Fig. S14 ¹³C NMR spectrum of PMISSO derivative in CDCl₃

¹³C NMR of PMISSO (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.64, 163.61, 156.26, 155.48,
152.88, 152.78, 148.60, 147.74, 147.53, 139.11, 133.15, 131.46, 130.30, 130.23, 129.85,
129.14, 128.57, 128.50, 128.38, 126.43, 124.78, 123.91, 123.80, 123.36, 123.30, 123.12,
122.51, 122.19, 119.27, 119.15, 96.47, 57.49, 44.69, 38.80, 38.29, 32.81, 32.21, 32.20, 31.81,
31.07, 30.05, 29.02, 24.42, 23.38, 14.45, 10.94.



Fig. S15 APCI mass spectrum of PMISSO

Calculated mass – 919.4304 and Obtained mass – m/z 920.4399 [M+H]⁺



Fig. S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of PMISSO₂ derivative in CDCl₃ at 500 MHz

¹**H NMR of PIMSSO₂ (500 MHz, Chloroform-***d***):** δ 9.68 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 9.51 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.1 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 4H), 4.06 (m, *J* = 19.8, 13.0, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.90 (m, *J* = 12.2, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 4H), 1.45 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 11H), 1.33 (m, *J* = 29.0, 13.8, 6.8 Hz, 12H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 16H).



Fig. S17 ¹³C NMR spectrum of PMISSO₂ derivative in CDCl₃

¹³C NMR of PIMSSO₂ (176 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.22, 163.15, 156.14, 155.50, 152.36, 152.23, 147.61, 147.39, 138.79, 133.93, 131.18, 131.04, 129.30, 128.44, 128.30, 128.22, 126.41, 123.88, 122.87, 122.76, 122.56, 121.99, 121.65, 119.01, 118.90, 57.16, 44.39, 38.50, 37.91, 32.47, 31.86, 31.47, 30.72, 29.71, 28.67, 24.07, 23.04, 14.11, 10.59.





Calculated mass -935.4253 and Obtained mass -m/z 936.4300 [M+H]⁺



Fig. S19 Merged IR spectra of PMISS and PMISSO for confirmation of oxidized species



Fig. S20 Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD) pattern of PMISSO powder showing absence of diffraction peaks indicating its amorphous nature.

SCXRD. Single crystals of PMISSO₂ suitable for X-Ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation method from a solvent mixture of dichloromethane, N,N-dimethylformamide and hexane kept at low temperature (4°C). Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction data were collected on Bruker *AXS* Kappa *APEXII* diffractometer using monochromatic Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 100 K using an Oxford Cryostream low-temperature device. Unit cell measurement, data integration, scaling and absorption correction for the crystal were done with Bruker *APEXII* software.⁴ Data reduction was carried out with Bruker *SAINT* suite.⁵ Absorption correction was performed by multi-scan method implemented in *SADABS*.⁶ The crystal structure was solved by direct methods using *SIR* 2014.⁷ The crystal structure

refinement was performed in the program package *OLEX2*,⁸ and all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full matrix least-squares calculations based on F² using *SHELXL*-2018.⁹ All the hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model. Details of crystal data, data collection, and refinement details are given in Table S1. Geometrical calculations were carried out using *PARST*¹⁰ and *PLATON*.¹¹ *MERCURY*¹² program was used for structure analysis and for preparation of molecular and crystal structure diagrams.

Sample Code	PMISSO ₂			
Formula	C ₅₈ H ₆₅ N O ₆ S ₂			
Solvent	DCM + DMF + Hexane			
Crystal Size (mm)	0.15 X 0.08 X 0.06			
Morphology	Block			
Formula Weight	936.23			
Temperature (K)	100 (2)			
Wavelength (A°)	0.71073			
Crystal System	Monoclinic			
Space Group	рĪ			
$\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}\square$	4, 2			
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.0522(6)			
b (Å)	17.6311(11)			
<i>c</i> (Å)	25.4763(15)			
α(°)	71.449(4)			
β(°)	81.456(4)			
γ(°)	83.555(4)			
Volume (A° ³)	5063.1(5)			
Density (g cm ⁻³)	1.228			
F (000), μ(mm ⁻¹)	2000, 0.157			
heta (min, max) (°)	0.849, 25.026			
h _{min,max} , k _{min,max} , l _{min,max}	(-13,14), (-20,19), (-30,30)			
Treatment of Hydrogens	Fixed			
No. unique ref/obs. Ref.	17072, 6560			
No of Parameters	1317			
R_all, R_obs	0.3338, 0.2022			
wR2_all, wR2_obs	0.5573, 0.4997			

Table S1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement

$\Delta ho_{\min,\max}(e \text{\AA}^{-3})$	-1.023, 1.736		
G.O.F	1.633		
CCDC	1994672		





Fig. S21 (a) ORTEP of PMISSO₂ showing two molecules depicted by golden and blue coloured carbon atoms in the asymmetric unit of the unit cell. (b) ORTEP of the golden colour PMISSO₂ molecule which exhibits a two-component dynamic disorder with a 51:49 disorder ratio in one of the 4-tert-octylphenoxide fragment (disordered component shown in pink colour) at one of 1,6-bay position. (b) ORTEP of the blue coloured PMISSO₂ molecule. All the ellipsoids are drawn at 50 % probability level and hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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Fig. S22 (a) C–H···O hydrogen bonding interactions between SO₂ and 1,6-bay substituted 4tert-octylphenoxide moieties prevent $\pi \cdots \pi$ stacking interactions between gold coloured molecules, but are present only between blue and gold coloured PMISSO₂ molecules, (b) C–H··· π interactions between parallelly displaced PMISSO₂ molecules of two neighbouring columns (c) O(*lp*)··· π interactions between SO₂ molecules. O(*lp*)··· π interactions forming a

tetramer between PMISSO₂ molecules belonging to adjacent columns. Hydrogen atoms have been removed for clarity.

Intermolecular	Symmetry	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D–H···A (°)	
Interactions		2.54	2.2(1/2)	1.42	
C94–H94…O8	1-x, 1-y, 1-z	2.56	3.364(3)	143	
С87–Н87А…О3	-1+x, y, z	2.57	3.529(4)	162	
C24–H24…O10	x, y, z	2.28	3.159(4)	146	
С30-Н30В…О10	x, y, z	2.57	3.352(4)	136	
C25A–H25A…O1	x, 1+y, z	2.40	3.361(3)	140	
C24A–H24C…O2	1-x, 1-y, 1-z	2.50	3.380(3)	149	
C35–H35····C63(π)	-1+x, y, z	2.82	3.701(2)	155	
С93–Н93…С16(π)	-1+x, y, z	2.82	3.518(2)	131	
С93–Н93…С15(π)	-1+x, y, z	2.82	3.697(2)	153	
С101−Н10G…С9(<i>π</i>)	-1+x, y, z	2.79	3.741(2)	163	
$C68(\pi)$ ···C18(π)	x, y, z		3.497(2)		
$C68(\pi)$ ···C19(π)	x, y, z		3.422(2)		
$C67(\pi)$ ···C21(π)	x, y, z		3.431(2)		
$C59(\pi)$ ···C11(π)	x, y, z		3.381(2)		
$C77(\pi)$ ···C10(π)	x, y, z		3.451(2)		
$C69(\pi)\cdots C1(\pi)$	x, y, z		3.424(2)		
$C64(\pi)$ ···· $C6(\pi)$	x, y, z		3.423(2)		
$C63(\pi)$ ···· $C5(\pi)$	x, y, z		3.475(2)		
$O8(lp)\cdots C59(\pi)$	1-x, 1-y, 1-z		3.053(1)		
$O7(lp)\cdots C16(\pi)$	x, y, z		3.131(2)		
$O2(lp)\cdots C74(\pi)$	x, y, z		3.153(1)		
$O7(lp)\cdots C31(\pi)$	2-x, 1-y, 1-z		3.162(1)		

Table S2. Intermolecular Hydrogen bonds, C–H··· π , π ··· π and O(*lp*)··· π interactions in PMISSO₂ crystals.



Fig. S23 Twist angles of $9.736(2)^{\circ}$ and $8.482(2)^{\circ}$ between the mean planes of the naphthalene rings (indicated by pink and cyan colours) in the two PMISSO₂ molecules of the asymmetric unit depicting their perylene core distortion. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity

Solvent-dependent absorption spectra of PMISSO₂: The experimental UV-vis. absorption spectra of PMISSO₂ recorded in various solvents like Chloroform (CHCl₃), Toluene, 1,4-dioxane and Tetrahydrofuran (THF) are shown in **Figure S22**. The general features of the absorption spectra of PMISSO₂ are very similar suggesting that the electronic structure of the boundary orbitals is very slightly affected by changing the polarity of the solvent.



Fig. S24 Experimental UV-vis. absorption spectra of PMISSO₂ recorded in CHCl₃, Toluene, 1,4-dioxane and THF solvents measured at 298 K.

In order to correlate the molecular electronic structure with the UV-Vis experimental band positions, the crystal geometry of PMISSO₂ has been optimized at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in CHCl₃, Toluene and THF solvents, including solvent polarizability by employing Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) using the integral equation formalism variant (IEFPCM) of SCRF method. The electronic transitions of PMISSO₂, calculated by Time Dependent Density Functional Theory (TD-DFT)/B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory in CHCl₃, Toluene and THF solvents are compared with the experimental bands in Table S3. The most intense experimental band of PMISSO₂ ranging between 526-532 nm in all the solvents are almost fully reproduced in both intensity and wavelength by TD-DFT computations.

Table S3. Comparison of experimental UV-vis absorption spectra with calculated via-TDDFT method of PMISSO₂ in polar solvent medium.

Solvent	Experimental λ _{max} (nm)	TDDFT λ _{max} (nm)	Orbitals involved in transition	ΔE _{transition} (eV)	Oscillator strength (f)	Transition Dipole Moment (D)	Transition Probability (%)
CHCl ₃	532	543	$\begin{array}{c} \text{HOMO-1} \\ \rightarrow \text{LUMO} \end{array}$	2.28	0.69	12.36	79
Toluene	531	533	HOMO-1 → LUMO	2.33	0.63	11.04	68
THF	526	548	$\begin{array}{c} \text{HOMO-1} \\ \rightarrow \text{LUMO} \end{array}$	2.26	0.71	12.82	83



Fig. S25 Digital photograph of the powder of (A) PMISSO and (B) PMISSO₂ mixed with BaSO₄ under 365 nm UV light. PMISSO is completely non-fluorescent whereas PMISSO₂ shows strong solid-state fluorescence as evident from the picture.

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